(c) A Central autonomous body has been defined in DP&AR's O.M. dated 29.08.1984, "a body which is financed wholly or substantially from cess or Central Government grants. Substantially means more than 50% of the expenditure of the autonomous body is met through cess or Central Government grants. Autonomous body includes a Central Statutory body or a Central University but does not include a public under-taking". The definition of central autonomous body has been further clarified *vide* O.M. dated 31.03.1987, as a non-profit making organisation which is financed wholly or substantially from cess or Central Government grants, as defined in the O.M. dated 29.8.1984. RBI, SBI, nationalised banks and LIC etc. do not fulfill the conditions laid down in above O.M. and as such cannot be treated at par with Central autonomous bodies for the purpose of counting of past service. To clarify the above position, Government has also issued two circulars dated 30.05.1995 and 13.09.1996.

Agreement between the Government of India and the Swiss Authorities

3559. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the contents of the agreement relating to Bofors papers entered into between the Government of India and the Swiss authorities for sharing of information;

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) A Mamorandum of Understanding was entered into on February 20, 1989 between the Government of India and the Government of the Confederation of Switzerland for providing to each other, on the basis of reciprocity and in accordance with their national law, the widest measure of assistance in criminal matters. The Memorandum of Understanding provide, *inter alia*, that "....Information obtained through the means of judicial assistance shall not be used for investigative purposes nor be introduced into evidence in the requesting State in any proceeding relating to offences for which assistance is not admissible. Any further use shall be subject to approval by the appropriate authority of the requested State..."

Further, in accordance with the requirement of Swiss laws and in connection with the Letter Rogatory issued by the competent Court in Delhi to the competent judicial authorities in the Confederation of Switzerland, the Government of India submitted an undertaking on February 6, 1990 to the competent Court in Delhi and to the Swiss authorities affirming *inter alia* that "...the information contained in the documents or statements which are sent in response to the request shall be used only in the case in which the Letter Rogatory is issued and shall not be used in any other case or matter of the following nature:

(a) to prosecute any offence of a political nature;

(b) to prosecute any offence against Military Law; and

(c) for criminal proceedings, civil proceedings or administrative proceedings in relation to any violations which may have the effect of reducing fiscal revenue; or monetary, commerical or economic crimes."

The Government of India has also affirmed not to disclose any such information to the authorities charged with related administrative or enforcement duties either in India or elsewhere.

Implementation of Reservation for Physically Handicapped

3560. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three per cent of Group C and D posts have been reserved for physically handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the reservation is being strictly implemented by all the Ministries/ Departments/PSUs and autonomous establishments;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial measures Government propose to take to ensure strict implementation of reservation for physically handicapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Reservation of 3% in suitable Group C and D posts is provided for the physically handicapped i.e. 1% each for the blind, the deaf, and the orthopaedically handicapped. While the reservation applies only to identified posts, for calculating the number of reserved posts, the total strength of a Group in the concerned cadre is taken in to account.

(c) to (e) The appointments to Group C and D posts under the Government are made on a decentralized basis by the concerned Ministries/Departments who are to ensure implementation of the orders pertaining to reservation for physically handicapped.

Recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission Regarding Class-IV Employees

3561. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to do away with the Calss-IV category of employees in all the Central Government Offices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission has made any recommendations in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, how Government propose to set at rest the apprehensions so created in the minds of Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Madam.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

(e) The apprehension would be set at rest once the report of Fifth Central Pay Commission is implemented.

Abolitaion of Class III and IV Posts in Government Departments

3562. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to do away with all the class III and IV posts in Government departments, by replacing them with employees on contract basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of employees who would be affected by this decision; and

(c) the details of the arrangement Government propose to make to compensate these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above does not arise.